

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

AUTHORS GUILD, DAVID BALDACCI,  
MARY BLY, MICHAEL CONNELLY, SYLVIA  
DAY, JONATHAN FRANZEN, JOHN  
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DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,  
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and  
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI LP, OPENAI LLC,  
OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI OPKO LLC,  
OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION  
LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI  
STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP  
FUND GP I LLC, and OPENAI STARTUP  
FUND MANAGEMENT LLC,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR  
BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN,  
DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON,  
HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES  
SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, and SIMON  
WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI GP, LLC, OPENAI,  
LLC, OPENAI OPKO LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL  
LLC, OAI CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI  
HOLDINGS, LLC, and MICROSOFT  
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-08292-SHS

Case No.: 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

Case No.: 1:24-cv-00084-SHS

Hon. Sidney H. Stein

**DECLARATION OF MICHELLE  
YBARRA IN SUPPORT OF MOTION  
TO ADMIT COUNSEL *PRO HAC*  
*VICE***

NICHOLAS A. BASBANES and NICHOLAS  
NGAGOYEANES (professionally known as  
Nicholas Gage), individually and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,  
OPENAI, INC., OPENAI GP, LLC,  
OPENAI HOLDINGS, LLC, OAI  
CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI  
GLOBAL, LLC, OPENAI, LLC, and  
OPENAI OPCO LLC,

Defendants.

Michelle Ybarra, pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP.
2. I submit this declaration in support of my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in the above-captioned matter.
3. I have been a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California since December 5, 2008.
4. I attach a Certificate of Good Standing from the State of California, which was issued within thirty days of this filing, as **Exhibit A** to my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*.
5. I have never been convicted of a felony or been the subject of any criminal conviction.
6. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.
7. I have never been the subject of a disciplinary sanction and there are no disciplinary proceedings presently pending against me.

Wherefore your declarant respectfully submits that she be permitted to appear as counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in this one case on behalf of Defendants Defendants OpenAI Inc., OpenAI LP, OpenAI LLC, OpenAI GP LLC, OpenAI OpCo LLC, OpenAI Global LLC, OAI Corporation LLC, OpenAI Holdings LLC, OpenAI Startup Fund I LP, OpenAI Startup Fund GP I LLC, and OpenAI Startup Fund Management LLC.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 24, 2024

/s/ Michelle Ybarra  
MICHELLE YBARRA